

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: STRAUSS AND CSU EMPHASIZE SIGNIFICANCE OF HESSEN  
VICTORY FOR "DREGGER-STRAUSS LINE"

REF: FRANKFURT 2162

1. IN PERSONAL TELEGRAM CONGRATULATING HESSEN CDU CHAIRMAN ALFRED DREGGER ON CDU VICTORY IN HESSEN COMMUNAL ELECTIONS, CSU CHAIRMAN STRAUSS DESCRIBED VICTORY AS "-- CLEARLY VISIBLE SUCCESS OF POLICY OF (SETTING FORTH) CLEAR, UNCOMPROMISING ALTERNATIVES BETWEEN UNION PARTIES AND COALITION PARTIES." STRAUSS INTERPRETS CDU VICTORY AS AFFIRMATION OF BASIC POLICY ORIENTATION HE AND DREGGER SHARE.

2. IN MARCH 21 STATEMENT TO PRESS, CSU SECRETARY GENERAL  
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TANDLER EVALUATES HESSEN RESULTS AS ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY VOTERS OF SPD'S "ABSOLUTE INCOMPETENCE" (UNFAEHIGKEIT) IN COMMUNAL, LAND AND FEDERAL POLITICS.

3. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS HERE HAVE SPECULATED THAT DREGGER WILL LEAD CDU TO SIMILAR VICTORY IN 1978 HESSEN LANDTAG ELECTIONS, THEREBY BECOMING MINISTER-PRESIDENT.

AS MINISTER-PRESIDENT, DREGGER WOULD, ACCORDING TO THESE  
STORIES, MAKE SUCCESSFUL BID TO UNSEAT KOHL AS CDU/CSU  
CHANCELLOR CANDIDATE IN 1980.

4. COMMENT: STRAUSS HAS SEIZED ON CDU HESSEN VICTORY  
AS ADDITIONAL PIECE OF EVIDENCE THAT STRATEGY OF HARD-  
LINE CONFRONTATION AGAINST SPD AND FDP WINS ELECTIONS.  
HE PRESUMABLY FEELS THAT HESSEN RESULTS WILL STRENGTHEN  
CSU POSITION WHEN JOINT CDU/CSU STRATEGY COMMISSION  
DEBATES ISSUE OF STRATEGIC POLICY LINE FOR UNION PARTIES.  
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